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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING NOTICE OF AWARD  
FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE FISH  
CONTAMINATION OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER  
1, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

Authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and execute future awards and/or amendments.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA), from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), to conduct public outreach and education to targeted communities to build capacity to address fish contamination issues, for the anticipated term of November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2013, at an estimated amount of \$221,984 (\$110,992 annually), subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the NA from USEPA that extend the term through October 31, 2015; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's term and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through January 31, 2016; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent

above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept forthcoming funds from the USEPA to continue DPH's participation in the fish contamination outreach and education project. Services will be provided to targeted communities to build capacity in addressing fish contamination issues in Los Angeles County, for the purpose of reducing human health risks associated with eating contaminated fish related to the Palos Verdes (PV) Shelf site, one of the largest contaminated sediments in the United States.

For this project, DPH's Toxics Epidemiology Program will focus on increasing DPH's and other health care providers' awareness and knowledge of the health risks associated with the consumption of contaminated fish by providing various workshops and lectures to medical providers. Outreach activities will include updating educational materials and fishing signage located at Los Angeles County piers.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

DPH anticipates receiving an estimated \$221,984 (\$110,992 annually) from USEPA for the anticipated term of November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2013, for the fish contamination education and outreach project. There is no net County cost associated with the recommended actions.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 budget and will be requested in future FYs, as necessary.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since 1999, DPH's Toxics Epidemiology Program and the USEPA have been working collaboratively on fish contamination issues. This project is part of the USEPA's overall program to address human health risks posed by the fish contamination related to the PV Shelf site.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

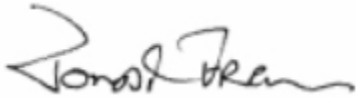
Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from the USEPA to participate in efforts to address fish contamination issues related to the PV Shelf site.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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